Sleeping Cat Crochet Pattern

This crochet pattern shows you how to make an adorable **sleeping cat**. The cat is curled up with a round body, a small head, ears, and a tail wrapped around its body, just like in the reference photo. Perfect as an applique, blanket decoration, or even a small stuffed toy if you choose to add filling.

Materials Needed:
- Medium weight yarn (cotton or acrylic) in gray, white, pink, and black
- Crochet hook size 3.0mm – 3.5mm
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stuffing (optional, if you want a 3D version)

Basic Crochet Stitches Used:

Chain (ch): Make a slip knot, yarn over, and pull through the loop.

Single Crochet (sc): Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over again, pull through both loops.

Double Crochet (dc): Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through last 2 loops.

Treble Crochet (tr): Yarn over twice, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2 loops (repeat until 1 loop remains).

Slip Stitch (sl st): Insert hook, yarn over, pull through both loops at once.

Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around fingers, insert hook under the loop, pull up a loop, ch 1, and then work stitches into the loop. Pull tail to close.

Step-by-Step Instructions:

Head:
1. Start with a **magic ring** and make 6 sc.
2. Round 2: 2 sc in each stitch (12).
3. Round 3: *1 sc, inc* repeat around (18).
4. Round 4: sc in each stitch. Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

Body:
1. Start with a magic ring, 6 sc inside.
2. Round 2: 2 sc in each stitch (12).
3. Round 3: *1 sc, inc* repeat (18).
4. Round 4: *2 sc, inc* repeat (24).
5. Round 5: *3 sc, inc* repeat (30).
6. Continue increasing until the body circle is big enough for your cat.
7. For a flat applique, stop and fasten off. For a 3D body, continue with 2-3 rounds without increases, then decrease to close.

Ears (make 2):

1. Ch 3, work 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc in next ch.
2. Fasten off and sew on top of the head.

Tail:
1. Ch 12.
2. Work sc in each chain back.
3. Sew tail wrapping around the body.

Assembly:
- Sew the head slightly overlapping the body.
- Attach ears to the top of the head.
- Attach the tail to the side, wrapping it around the body to create the "sleeping" pose.
- Embroider eyes as curved lines (sleeping expression), a small nose, and whiskers with black yarn.
- Optionally, add a touch of pink on the cheeks for blush.

Sleeping Cat Reference Photo: